



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

CITIZEN WORKGROUP

Developing Alternatives for Updating the Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan (UMRRFMP)

July 20, 2009

MACo Conference Room (Meeting 7)

SESSION SUMMARY

Process Objectives

1. In 6-8 meetings, explore aspects of a fisheries Management Plan for Holter, Hauser, and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs.
2. Within the Workgroup's charter, develop consensus alternatives and recommend those alternatives to FWP.

Session Objectives

1. Affirm agreement on the goals and objectives for each body of water.
2. Review, discuss and come to agreement on draft alternative management strategies for each body of water.
3. Discuss the role of the Workgroup during the public comment process.

Workgroup Members Present

Virgil Binkley	Bart Bratlien	Doug Breker
Alex Ferguson	Dale Gilbert	Nick Jones
George Liknes	Tim AcAlpine	Dan Nottingham
Darren Raney	Timothy Rauser	Keith Schultz
Dan Spence	Pat Volkmar	
Virginia Tribe (Facilitator)		

FWP Technical Support

Beth Giddings	Eric Roberts	Don Skaar
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Completed Agenda Items

"Ratifying" the June Meeting Summary

Workgroup members ratified the general summary of the June 8 session and later in discussion affirmed or revised the June meeting results documented in the 2nd version of the draft plan prepared by Eric.

Workgroup Consensus Agreements

- Affirmed their goals and objectives for each body of water within the system;

- Came to consensus on draft alternative management strategies for those individual bodies (See July 20 second Draft revisions/new language to be completed by Eric and distributed for public review in late August/early September);
- On the few details they didn't have time to finish, asked Eric to compile alternatives discussed; distribute them electronically for member review; and use the "doodle tool" to register their comments and approval.

Where do we go from here?

- Eric will complete the final draft by late summer/early fall.
- FWP will develop and implement a process to solicit public comments on the draft Plan. The intent is to start the public process in approximately mid-September and run through about mid-October. The process will include public meetings as well as opportunities to comment in written form.
- FWP will ask the Workgroup to reconvene shortly after the end of the public comment period to review the input and finalize their recommended alternative strategies.
- Upon receiving the Workgroup's final recommended alternative strategies and a full review of the public comment, FWP will move to finalize the Management Plan by the end of the 2009 calendar year.